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Reference: Letter dated April 29, 1997 regarding questions about the Year End Report
(11/26/96-12/31/96).

Identification: C00310136

Dear Ms. Kelly,

Please accept this letter in response to your letter dated April 29, 1997 regarding questions related to the End of Year Report filed by the Friends of Joe Pitts (ID C00310136) with the Commission on January 28, 1997. Attached is an amended Summary Page and Detailed Summary Page, with corresponding Schedules A and B, correcting the discrepancies noted as the first two items in your letter, namely the beginning cash balance and Columns A and B of Lines 6(a) and 6(c).

Item three in your letter noted that the Friends of Joe Pitts State Committee had made a transfer to the Federal Committee of the same name and stated that this amount should be immediately refunded to the State Committee. This transfer of \$704.71 was made inadvertently from the State Committee; however, because the State Committee is no longer in existence, the money cannot be refunded to it. In order to correct this discrepancy, the amount referenced above has been refunded to the Republican Committee of Lancaster County in lieu of the Friends of Joe Pitts State Committee, as you instructed during our phone conversation of Monday, May 12, 1997. I have enclosed a copy of this check as a reference.

Item four noted items listed under "Offsets to Operating Expenses" (Line 14) which appeared to be contributions from other committees. Please be advised that these amounts were received as reimbursements for postage paid on a joint mail campaign in which the Pitts Campaign participated with several other candidates and were, therefore, listed correctly as offsets to operating expenses. Based on brief discussions with the